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3. [] Tried to reach Chairman Price, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, but found he would be out of town until Monday.

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4. [] Talked to Captain Edward Bauser, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and brought him up-to-date on a situation I had briefed him on yesterday. I told him that I had tried to get in touch with Chairman Price but found he would be out of town until Monday so I suggested if Bauser was in touch with him before I was, he should pass the information on to Price.

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5. [] Talked to Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and told him of the latest developments regarding a situation in the Middle East on which [] had briefed him on Wednesday. McConnell suggested that I pass this information personally to Senator Pastore, while McConnell would pass it to other members of the CIA Subcommittee who were aware of the matter.

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6. [] Talked to Chairman Lucien Nedzi and brought him up-to-date on a sensitive development in the Middle East.

Nedzi would like a copy of the Baltimore News American article by Patrick J. Sloyan of 30 October entitled "Cox's Evidence Indicated Helms Lied in Coverup."

Later I received a call from Nedzi who said he was getting inquiries from the press regarding allegations of inconsistencies between Mr. Helms' testimony during the Watergate hearings and the contents of a memorandum from Helms to General Walters dated 28 June 1972. Nedzi said he thought the best solution might be to release the memorandum in order to quiet the clamor. I said we would oppose this on the grounds that it was classified, that it was in the hands of the Special Prosecutor, who might find it useful in the event of a court action and that it contains the names of Agency officers who wish to preserve their cover. I said I saw no harm in Nedzi verifying the existence of such a memorandum and summarizing its basic input. He said in this case he would not release it himself.

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7. [] Briefed Senator Pastore on the fact that latest info indicated a sensitive and disturbing development in the Middle East was not as serious as we had originally believed. See Memorandum for the Record.

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